Central or for any other reason beyond the control of the Government.

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA: If the irrigation projects are delayed, it can be because of a variety of reasons such as paucity of funds, technical reasons, technical faults, administrative lapses and so on. If the hon. Minister is interested in knowing the details about a particular project, I will be happy to provide all the reasons and also the action that we have taken to solved the problems.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister that Bihar is being neglected. They have said that they do not adopt parochial attitude. Many canals and barrages have been mentioned in it but every year North Bihar is affected by flood and drought. It is all due to not-constructing a dam on only one river. It has been said time and again that the Government would negotiate with Nepal to construct a dam over Kosi river. The officials of Nepal came to India. A ray of hope erised at that time, that negotiations might be held. Now the second season has started. In July, we would be again affected by floods. But nothing has been said about the conversion of barrage into a dam in the Eighth Plan. When Shri Rajiv Gandhi visited my constituency...

MR. SPEAKER: Please Girija Deviji, I have given you time. make use it. It is being misued. Don't do like that.

SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Please listen to me. Shri Rajiv Gandhi had said in his package plan that the Government would convert this barrage into a dam....

MR. SPEAKER: It is a question of national level. Don't confine it only to a barrage.

SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: It was our plan to construct a dam over Kosi river after having negotiations with Nepal. If the construction of Kosi dam has been envisaged then when the construction work of this dam would start?

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I am really every sorry. It is a national level question but Members are going to the projects. The Minister is not likely to have information about the projects. If the Minister has the information, I have no objection in his replying to the question.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: It is an important issue, a question of our survival.

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA: The matter relating to construction of dam over Kosi river is an international matter. The construction of this dam is possible only when there would be an agreement between Nepal and India. As the hon. Member has rightly said that the negotiation have bee going on for a long time but we could not reach at any agreement till now. Recently, the Prime Minister of Nepal had visited India. In this regard he had discussions with out Prime Minister. There was a satisfactory break through. That is why we are hopeful that we would be able to implement a useful and old scheme.

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Mr. Speaker, Sir, you are not allowing us to ask further.

MR. SPEAKER: Surya Narayanji, No please you can't do like that. It is the question of national level, information regarding each and every project can not be provided. You may study the rules. if you. If you are asking without going through the rules, then you are exhibiting of yourself.

[English]

Kayamkulam Thermal Power Plant

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*355. PROF. K. V. THOMAS:
SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress of the construction of Kayamkulam thermal power plan in Kerala:

(b) whether Russian aid will be available for this project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the expenditure incurred so far on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). A Statement is laid on the Table of the house.

STATEMENT

(a) Infrastructural work has been taken up for the project pending environmental clearance and Government approval for the project.

(b) The continued availability of credit from the Russian Federation for the Kayamkulam Project was discussed during the visit of High Level Inter-Ministerial Team to Russia in January, 1992. The Russia Federation indicated the likelihood of continued availability of credits for power projects in India subject, however, to mutual agreement regarding the quantum and the terms of credit.

(c) and (d). An amount of Rs. 6.02 crores has so far been incurred on this projects on activities like land acquisition, survey & soil investigation and infrastructural work.

PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Sir, the Kerala State is in the grip acute power shortage. There is load heading in different parts of the State. In this context the Chief Minister of Kerala and the Power Minister of Kerala met the hon. Central Power Minister and requested him to give priority to the Kayankulam Thermal Power project. I would like to know from the hon. Minister what results have come out after this discussion.

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, techno-economic clearance has been given to the Kayamkulam Thermal Power project. The Planning Commission has also given its clearance. CBI clearance has also been given by the Central Government. The only clearance that was pending was from the Ministry of Environment. Chief Minister of Kerala met the Environment Minister, Shri Kamal Nath also, and now the environmental clearance has also been given. I would like to assure the hon. Member that Kayamkulam projects will be taken up now and work will be started on this project.

PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Thank you, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: After thanking him you still want to ask second supplementary.

PROP. K. V. THOMAS: One of the major problems facing any thermal power plant based on coal is the disposal of fly ash. Kayamkulam is also going to face the same problem. I want to know whether there is any proposal with the Government for using this fly ash for manufacturing of bricks as well as for the construction of roads. This is one of the proposals of the Kerala Government. I what to know whether it will be given due consideration when this power project is completed.

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government of India has decided that the fly ash which comes out of this thermal power station will to used for manufacturing of bricks, for the cement plant and also for the purposes which the hon. Member has just now mentioned.

The fly ash is available freely. The Central Government has made it a rule that if anybody wants to use this fly ash for the manufacturing of bricks or for the cement plant, the same can be given to them. So, the Central Government, viz., the Power Ministry, had decided that 50 per cent of fly ash should be used by the Ministry itself.